

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claim 1 as shown in the following claim listing:

1. (currently amended) An electroluminescent device comprising a substrate (1) and, adjacent to said substrate (1), a laminated body composed of ~~a first~~ an anode electrode (2) directly on said substrate, an electroluminescent layer (3) directly on said ~~first~~ anode electrode, a ~~second~~ cathode electrode (4) and $2n+1$ transparent dielectric layers (5) directly on said ~~second~~ cathode electrode, where $n = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots \alpha$, which transparent dielectric layers (5) alternately have a high refractive index of $n > 1.7$ and a low refractive index of $n \leq 1.7$, and the transparent dielectric layer (6) bordering on the ~~second~~ cathode electrode (4) has a high refractive index of $n > 1.7$, whereby reflection of light emitted by the electroluminescent layer at the cathode electrode is reduced by the transparent dielectric layer and transmission of light through the cathode electrode is increased.

2. (original) An electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the transparent layers having a high refractive index comprise a material selected from the group composed of TiO_2 , ZnS and SnO_2 .

3. (original) An electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the transparent layers having a low refractive index comprise a material selected from the group composed of SiO_2 and MgF_2 .